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GOODNEWS BAY/PLATINUM

In the November 2022 issue, page 128, we had some information on Gil McIntyre's reported death in 1911. There was a little bit on Joe Jean and Oscar Samuelson. This issue provides more information on these token issuers, and repeats a little that has already been reported in the previous issue.

Seward Daily Gateway, August 7, 1930.

AN OUT OF THE WAY VOYAGE IN ALASKA

(Seward to Goodnews Bay)

*Probably the least traveled region of the Bering Sea is the eastern portion between Nushagak and Bethel-Kuskokwim. On June 19, I left Nushagak in company with **Joe Jean**, a trader from Good News Bay...*

*As we passed Cape Newenham, **Joe Jean** involuntarily remarked, "Thank God! That's passed." **Cape Newenham** is considered by navigators to be the most dangerous cape on the eastern Bering Sea.*



From the entrance of Goodnews Bay to the native village is a distance of 14 miles...and Goodnews River.

TWO TRADING POSTS

*There are two trading posts at Goodnews Bay, that of **Joe Jean's** and **Gil McIntyre's**; also about 175 Eskimos. Lots of tents and igloos are situated on Mumtrak Hill and only a few of the natives live in cabins. Jean's home was just built last winter and compares favorably with homes Outside. There were many fish racks with salmon drying but owing to the inclement weather they were having difficulty drying them.*



*Tupper Thompson, layman on **Gil McIntyre's** ground cleaned up 43 ounces*

*Gaston St. Clair and **Oscar Samuelson**, laymen on **Joe Jean's** and "Slim" Smith's ground cleaned up 120 ounces.*

\$39 an Ounce

The platinum on these creeks carry a percentage of gold, in the proportion of one ounce to 10 of platinum: also an alloy of osmium-iridium, in varying quantities. The gold is course and of exceptional high grade, assaying at over \$20 per ounces. Last year the average price obtained for platinum was \$39 per ounce...The osmium-iridium varies from \$70 to \$95 an ounce depending on the higher priced metal.

*We left Goodnews Bay with sincere regrets. **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jean** being such genial hosts...This course brought us direct to the entrance of Kwinhawk Bay.*



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This month we look at Goodnews Bay and Platinum. Since some of the people mentioned were later traders in the Kuskokwim, we head up river.

Once again, we see miners becoming traders! At the beginning of the article on Platinum and Goodnews Bay, Oscar Samuelsen, Joe Jean and Gil McIntyre are mining. Later we see that they all become general merchants!

I must be losing it. I just now looked in my index and found that there was a very abbreviated account of Bockfinger & Karry in the January, 2020 issue. Well, there is a bit of interesting detail about Karry's death on page 41.

In the October 2021 issue, we looked at some tokens from McGrath and Takotna (I say Tocatna, you say Tacotna...). Whether the LoC's search feature is not "perfect," or I am lazy (probably the latter), I have found more information on these issuers. We flesh out the Kuskokwim Commercial Company. Previously, we had John Heino as a lumber merchant. Why would he need a 25¢ token... William Kruhm seems to be from McGrath, not Flat. And H.A. Hummel rears his head (just barely).

eBay this month offered two \$1 tokens from the Copper Block Buffet in Valdez. On one, the nugget had been removed. The other was uniface sterling, with a very odd looking nugget. An unlisted \$5 from the Glacier F(ish) Co. of Petersburg sold for a respectable bid.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

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|--|----------|
| Cleary , Willis & Welch, 25¢, B-5a | 110.00OB |
| Juneau , Imperial Pool Parlor, 30 | 4.25 |
| Petersburg , Glacier F., \$5, B-2unl | 711.00 |
| Port Alexander , Pastime, 5¢, B-5a | 83.00 |
| Shemya , NCO Open Mess, 25¢, B-2e | 142.50 |
| Shemya , NCO Open Mess, \$1, B-2i | 125.50 |
| Tonsina , Jake Nafsted, 12½¢, B-1a | 165.00OB |
| Valdez , CBB, \$1, uniface sterling, odd nug. B-4cI | 621.00 |
| Valdez , CBB, \$1, nugget removed, B-4cII | 285.00 |
| Whitehorse , TDP, 50¢, B-5b | 4.84 |

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

ALASKA PREMIER AUCTIONS

APA conducted an Alaska token auction with 150 lots on January 15th. The results were mixed with many selling for less than we would estimate, while others sold for more than we would think. Below is a sampling of both.

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| Anchorage , Kustatan Pack, 5-10-25¢, B-26 a-c | 30.00 |
| Cape Edwards , Deep Sea Salmon, 25¢, B-1c | 45.00 |
| Chatanika , Bingle Fritz, 25-50-\$1, B-1 a-c | 45.00 |
| Chisana , Anderton, 25, 50, \$1, \$5, B-1 a-d | 50.00 |
| Chisana , Anderton, (2) 25¢, (2) 50¢, \$1, \$5 B-1a-d | 110.00 |
| Circle , Collins & Strait, 10¢, B-1a | 60.00 |
| Cordova , J.W. Little, 12½¢, B-22a | 50.00 |
| Cordova , Northern Drug, 12½¢, B-28unl | 40.00 |
| Cordova , Northern Drug, 50¢, B-28b | 60.00 |
| Egegik , Nakat Packing, 50¢, B-1d | 60.00 |
| Fairbanks , Fairbanks Cigar Store, \$1, B-17b | 251.00 |
| Ft. Yukon , Ft. Yukon Hotel, 25¢ & Loaf, B-4a+b | 226.00 |
| McCarthy , Golden Hotel, 12½¢ & 25¢, B-2 a+b | 81.00 |
| McCarthy , Johnson Hotel, 12½¢, B-4a | 100.00 |
| Nome , North Pole Bakery, (2) 10¢, B-39b | 25.00 |
| Northern Comm. Co. , Lower Yukon, \$10, B-4f | 1,500.00 |
| Seldovia , Cash Store, 5¢, B-5a | 110.00 |
| Seward , "W", 5¢, B-19a | 325.00 |
| Shakan , Shakan Lumber & Trd., 25¢, B-2b | 113.00 |
| Sitka , Fisherman's Cafe, 10¢, B-9z | 90.00 |
| Snug Harbor , \$1.25 box clams, B-2a | 130.00 |
| Tenakee , Tillicum Club, 6¼¢, B-5a | 60.00 |
| Tenakee , Tillicum Club, 12½¢, B-5b | 30.00 |
| Valdez , Blackwell/Rowdy, B-2a | 171.00 |
| Yakutat , St. Elias Pkg. Co., \$1, B-2c | 30.00 |
| Yes Bay , Alaska Pac. Fish., 5¢, B-3a | 70.00 |
| Yes Bay , Alaska Pac. Fish., \$1, B-3e | 35.00 |
| Yukokakat , D.W. Lewis, 12½¢, B-1a | 70.00 |

Our next auction will be March 31. Watch for the listing in the April issue, mailed (hopefully) before March 15.

GOODNEWS BAY/PLATINUM

Seward Daily Gateway, October 4, 1932.

Joe Jean is Pining for Alaska

Out of the depths of Alaska for the first time in 31 years, Joseph L. Jean, 53 years old, cautiously stepped through the doorway of a Seattle hotel recently, looked disdainfully at the automobiles, street cars, crowds and excitement and wished he was back up North again.

Wrangell Sentinel, October 13, 1933.

Joe Jean, one of the best known sourdoughs of the north, and prominent figure in the Good News Bay area, who visited recently in Anchorage, reports the Good News region, like most parts of the Territory, has suffered much this season from lack of rains and water for placer mining operations. The placer platinum operators of the region, he says, have had very encouraging results so far as work could be carried on.

Seward Gateway, October 28, 1933.

Trading Post Established at Good News Bay

During the fore part of this month, Capt. Pete Wold, and associates, "**The Alaska Traders**," established a trading post at Good News Bay, Capt. Wold reported yesterday. A full line of merchandise is on the shelves of the store which was built in six days.

Captain Wold arrived in port Thursday from the Far Westward and continues on to Seattle for a full cargo of freight.

The company's new post is located on the sand spit at the entrance to the harbor and is centrally located for miners and trappers, the other store being 12 miles distant from the Good News Bay proper.



That particular area undoubtedly has a real future, Captain Wold is convinced. Mining activities appear especially promising and during the past season approximately 800 ounces of platinum were obtained from the gravels. Indications are, the Skipper said, that there will be lots of fur this season.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, June 26, 1936.

Good New Bay Is Reported Booming; Large Production.

Production of gold and platinum by the Good News Bay mining area will last for the next 15 years, and enough values will be taken out to equal the price paid for Alaska, according to Capt. Peter Wold of the motorship Fern, who recently visited Seward enroute to the States for another capacity load of freight after delivering a full cargo of mining machinery to Good News Bay.

There are dragline outfits in operation at Good News Bay costing as high as \$60,000, Capt. Wold reported, and the 60-man camp has work underway that will last well into October. There is talk of a dredge, he said, but that will probably be installed next year.

The steamer Tupper took 400 tons of mining machinery to the mining camp which was handled by

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CAPT. PETE WOLD of the M. S. UNITED

for further information

TRIPS FROM SEATTLE TO FALSE PASS AND WAY PORTS

ABOUT EVERY TWO MONTHS

Seward Gateway, October 28, 1933.

GOODNEWS BAY/PLATINUM, CONT.

the Alaska Traders lightering business, Capt. Wold said. His own ship, the Fern, with a length of 111 feet and carrying upwards of 200 tons of freight, as formerly a United States Lighthouse Service vessel, but has been converted into a 300 horse power motorship.

Kusko Times, McGrath, July 23, 1937.

Platinum's first Fourth of July celebration was a big event though many folks from the mines were unable to attend. There was a large crowd of whites and natives and all activities and contests were participated in with much enthusiasm.

The parade was led by Bill Hurst, master of ceremonies, with his huge malamute dog which carried a blanket boasting "Hurst's Laundry." Next the natives, dressed in their finest furs. The first prize was presented to **Mrs. Joe Jean** for the best dressed lady.

Then followed the "**Alaska Traders**" banner, as this was the first business establishment at Platinum.

Kusko Times, McGrath, July 9, 1939.

Goodnews Is Coming Into Its Own

(by special correspondent)

The eyes of the Territory are focused on this area, judging the innumerable reports reaching Platinum during the past few weeks.

Building and drilling are going on at a rapid rate and vessels are arriving with mining and building equipment from the States. So far there has been three boats out of Seattle. Many tractors and drills and lumber and oil have already arrived.

The foundation is being laid for N.G. Hanson's large store here. He will also operate a cold storage plant. Al Berg and Wm. Hurst are doing a big business. Berg conducts the first hotel and restaurant to be built here. Hurst's "Stampede Inn" is the first short order house and lunch room. "The Alaska Traders" store, owned by Capt. Pete Wold of the motorship Fern, is doing a capacity business.

Wrangell Sentinel, August 6, 1937.

Peaceful until Women Came

Many changes are reported to have taken place lately at Platinum. N.G. Hanson has his store practically completed. The main room of the store was the scene of all the dances during the Fourth of July celebrations. There's been a dance practically every night since. The town boasts two new women, making a total of nine women now living in Platinum. Pete Wold, head of Alaska Traders, the pioneer store of Platinum, says everything was peaceful here until the women came. They ask for so many things from the store that men never think of keeping around, says Pete.

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GNB/PLATINUM, CONT.

Nome Nugget, February 7, 1940.

On the boat going out...

*Who should be placed at our table but **Joe Jean**, an oldtimer who left Nome in 1917 and settled at Goodnews Bay where he operates a trading post. The last few years he has received large royalties from his platinum properties. He was on his way to the Mayo Brother's Clinic and then was to visit his home in Montreal after an absence of 42 years.*

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, November 20, 1940.
Veteran Trader is Recovering from Airplane Accident

Capt. Wold who was struck in the head by an airplane propeller at Platinum October 1, will leave the hospital for his Seattle home next Tuesday.

ALSTROM



Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, March 13, 1941.
Two Month Investigation Ends in Conviction of Alien
After two months of investigation which extended from Kwiguk on the lower Yukon to a fur house in Seattle, Wildlife agents today saw the conviction of Axel Alstrom in Nome on two counts, on both of which he was fined \$500.



Nome Nugget, February 16, 1951.

Notice of Location for Headquarters Site by Alstrom Brothers Alakanuk on Alakanuk River, a tributary of Yukon River.

OSCAR SAMUELSEN



Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, August 22, 1936.

"TOO MUCH DOG" SAYS ALASKAN ON SEATTLE TRIP

A Seattle newspaper recently contained the following article relating to two passengers aboard the Tupper as follows:

Oscar Samuelsen is not amused. He is not amused, and he's not surprised. That sums up his attitude toward Seattle.

"There's too much dog eating dog around here to suit me," the Bethel, Alaska trader said yesterday, looking out over the city from his room at the Savoy Hotel. It's the first time "out" in thirty-six years.

Up in Bethel, when he puts a woolen cap on sale for \$1.50 there isn't a competitor across the street to reduce the price to \$1.40. When he sells a suit of clothes, competitive conditions don't require him to give away an extra pair of trousers or a wool blanket.

The thing he notices most about Seattle is the noise.

"If I had to live down in this country," he said, "I would get on one of those little islands out in the Sound.



*Samuelsen will return on the Tupper August 22. With him goes **Gil McIntyre**, Samuelsen's trader at a place called Eek (which is pronounced exactly the way a woman greets a mouse).*

KUSKOKWIM COMMERCIAL COMPANY



Douglas Island News, February 23, 1910.

At Tacona (ed. note: Takotna), some 150 miles below the headwaters of the Kuskokwim river, is a large trading post established by the Kuskokwim Commercial company, who have large warehouses, and call this their lower post.

Iditarod Pioneer, September 4, 1910.

The new station of the company is said to be located some ways up the Tokatna river, and it is apparent that they look for a healthy play this winter.

Iditarod Pioneer, October 2, 1910.

Fredericks has a trading post and they are grouping themselves around him. He has already given the Kuskokwim Commercial company a location and by this time, it is almost certain that he has done the same for the Northern Commercial.

The townsite (ed. note: Georgetown) lays high and dry on a gravel foundation and just behind it lays plenty of timber where the ax men are supremely busy.

Douglas Island News, January 29, 1911.

Georgetown, the newest city in Alaska, will be the capital of the new district bordering on the Kuskokwim river, if the citizens of that town realize their ambitions, according to C.A. Fowler, of the Kuskokwim Commercial Company, who arrived in Seattle recently, direct from the new mining district, with 125 pounds of gold in nuggets and dust. When Mr. Fowler left Georgetown, November 28, the population in that section numbered between 4,000 and 6,000...

Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer, February 23, 1917.

Frank Juaquin, of Takotna, came in over the trail yesterday afternoon and resumed his journey to Seward this morning. Mr. Juaquin is manager of the Kuskokwim Commercial company stores who have several branch stores in the Kuskokwim dis-

trict, with headquarters at Bethel. When seen this morning in the lobby of the White House Mr. Juaquin said that conditions were never better in his business and that the people of the Kuskokwim were pulling for the branch of the government railroad...

Nenana News, December 1, 1917.

C. Fielder, a well known oldtime Alaskan, is reported to have acquired the interests of the Kuskokwim Commercial company, at Bethel.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, December 31, 1919.

The Kuskokwim Commercial Company has closed its stores at Tacotna, leaving the field to the Northern Commercial Company exclusively.

Kusko Times, McGrath, July 29, 1922

Notice to Debtors

To all owing accounts to the Kuskokwim Commercial Company, notice is hereby given that the afore-said accounts will be disposed of at the office of A. Higgins, at Tacotna, on September 1, 1922.

Seward Daily Gateway, July 28, 1923.

It is stated that Mr. Joaquin was the organizer and for many years the directing head of the Kuskokwim Commercial Company, which operated stores on the Kuskokwim at Bethel, Akiak, McGrath, Georgetown, Forks and Tocotna, besides a number of small stores known as native trading posts.

**NORTHERN COMMERCIAL CO.
OF ALASKA**

Stores at McGrath and Tacotna

We Now Have
a Large Supply of

Dog Salmon

At Both Stores,
Tokotna and McGrath

100-GAL. TANK GASOLINE, \$55.00

At Our McGrath Store



Kusko Times, February 9, 1924.

McGRATH/TAKOTNA

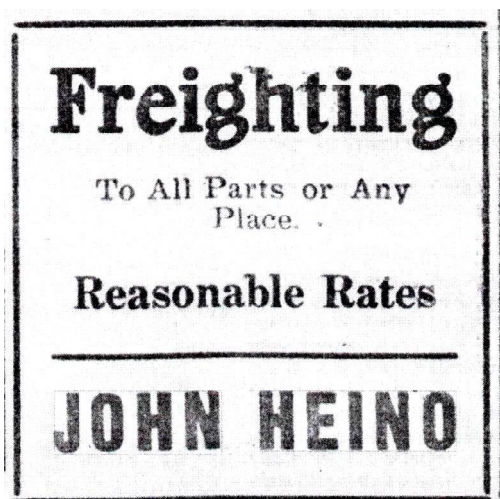
Additions to the LoC, and by digging a little deeper, further information has been found on these Takotna merchants.

John Heino was a lumber merchant...



Kusko Times, November 3, 1923.

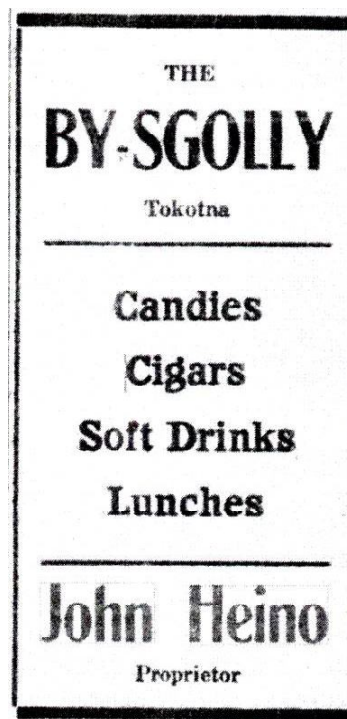
And a freighter...



Kusko Times, March 1, 1924.

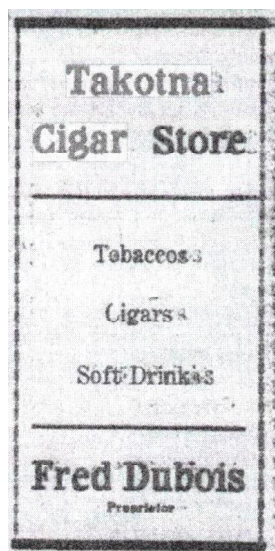


So why would he need a 25¢ token?



Kusko Times, June, 6, 1925.

What the heck is a BY-SGOLLY? In any case, it looks like a pretty typical cigar store.



Kusko Times, August 10, 1929.

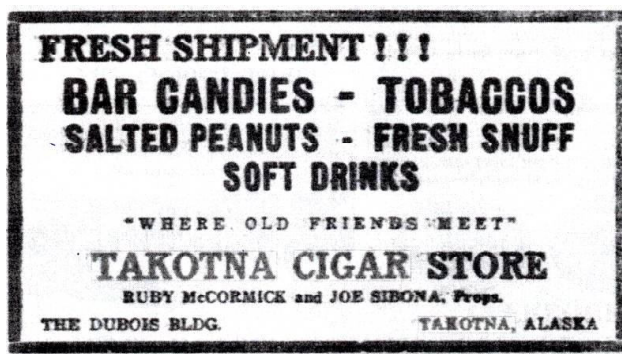
In the October 2021 issue, we showed a closing notice for the Takotna Cigar store:

Kusko Times, October 18, 1930.

The Takotna Cigar Store discontinued operations a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Dubois now occupying the same for additional residential purposes.

But that was not the end of the Takotna Cigar Store...

McGRATH/TAKOTNA



Kusko Times, August 6, 1937.

While the name continued, it is likely that the token was issued by the Dubois.

Newspapers in Alaska's ports frequently make note of who is on which ship, where they are going, and if they are registered at a local hotel.

Seward Gateway, April 9, 1920.

H.A. Hummel of McGrath and an old-time prospector arrived on the Gateway City limited yesterday and is a passenger to the states on the Alaska. Mr. Hummel is registered at the Hotel Seward. For several years Mr. Hummel has been suffering from rheumatism and he is going south for treatment. Coming out over the trail, Mr. Hummel suffered from snow blindness and received treatment here.

While the H.A. Hummel dies are known to exist, there are no tokens known (McGrath B-2).

JOE PARKER - FLAT



Wrangell Sentinel, June 25, 1937.

PIG CAUSES RUMPUS

Anchorage - A pig has become the subject of controversy between Joe Parker of Flat, and the Airways Company. Parker ordered a 20 pound pig though a company which brought the porker but by the time it was delivered it weighed 30 pounds The rumpus is over the charge on flying of the extra 10 pounds.

ACW/WHITE ALICE SITES

Constructed in the 1950s, many had a very short life.

Nome Nugget, June 2, 1958.

As of May 19, the Remote Facilities Field Project Office will supervise construction at Whittier, Adak, the Wildwood Station at Kenai, and Galena; also radar tower modification and water supplies at Lisburne, Wales, Granite Mountain, Indian Mountain, Campion, Kalakaket Creek, Tatalina, Romanzof, Bethel, Newenham and Sparrevohn, on contracts running into millions of dollars.



Cape Newenham is on the list above, as is Tatalina, near McGrath and Takotna.

But a little over a year later, Cape Newenham and Tatalina are on the list below.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public sale of government property located at the following White Alice stations:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ANIAK | |
| BEAR CREEK | (approx. 7 miles from Tanana) |
| BIG MOUNTAIN | (approx. 25 miles from Iliamna) |
| BOSWELL BAY | (approx. 14 miles from Cordova) |
| CAPE LISBURNE | |
| FORT YUKON | |
| GRANITE MOUNTAIN | (approx. 136 miles east of Nome) |
| KALAKAKET CREEK | (approx. 25 miles from Galena) |
| MIDDLETON ISLAND | |
| CAPE NEWENHAM | |
| NOME | (Staging Area, Nome Airport) |
| NORTH RIVER | (approx. 6 miles from Unalakleet) |
| ROMANZOF | |
| SOLDOTNA | |
| SPARREVOHN | |
| TATALINA | (approx. 6 miles from McGrath) |

Materials to be sold consist of shelterwells, skid shacks, electrical and plumbing supplies, camp and kitchen items, and miscellaneous construction materials. Detailed lists may be reviewed at Federal Electric Corporation, Anchorage, and at the above listed locations.

Nome Nugget, November 6, 1959.

Cape Lisburne, Middleton Island, (Cape) Romanzof and Sparrevohn also issued tokens and/or chits. With few exceptions (Wildwood), with such a short life, and in very remote locations, these modern tokens are deceptively scarce.

WILLIAM KRUHM - McGRATH, NOT FLAT



William Kruhm is listed in Ron Benice's "Alaska and Yukon Tokens" in Flat, Alaska, circa 1917. I suggest that it should be McGrath, circa 1929 to 1934, unless there were three William Kruhms!

The first report of William Kruhm is in 1907.

Alaska Prospector, Valdez, December 12, 1907.

Deeds-Wm. Kruhm and H. Kruhm to Dan Creek Gold and Copper Company. Nugget and Hard Scrabble placer claims and Ingersoll and Rosebud lode claims, all on Dan Creek.

These are in the Kennecott/McCarthy area. Kruhm continues as a miner at Shoup Bay, an inlet of Valdez Arm.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, Dec. 2, 1910.

Some ore taken from a mine at Shoup Bay assays \$835 to the ton. The ore was taken from a group of four mines, about 1 1/2 miles from tidewater and was located by Wm. Kruhm last October. The mines are owned by Wm. Kruhm, Bert Ford, Thompson, Fred Wilson and Sam Blum.

But back to Dan Creek.

Chitina Leader, July 16, 1912.

The Kruhm property on Dan Creek is a gold proposition which I also visited. He has 48 feet of tunnel which in 38 or 40 feet more will crosscut an antimony dyke, which assays show to be about \$300 per ton in gold. They shipped last fall 11 sacks which gave them a smelter return of \$173 per ton. They shipped one sack of 52 pounds giving them a return of \$22.78.

Chitina Leader, January 27, 1914.

Kruhm Property

Located on Antimony mountain, near Dan Creek. Have had a mill test made with returns of \$350 to the ton. Wm. Kruhm and J.C. Reed.

And now it gets murky.

Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer, March 8, 1917.

Daily Doings Around Town

Billy Kruhm, of Fairbanks, is registered at the Richter House. Billy is an old time Alaskan of the interior and is on his way to Tolstoi where he has property in the new district.

Tolstoi can be a couple places. One is the Tolstoi Prospect in the Iditarod Mining District. The other is Tolstoi Mountain, a copper bearing iron deposit on Prince of Wales Island.

If Billy Kruhm is from Fairbanks, then it is likely that he is headed to Iditarod. If he is the William Kruhm who mined on Dan Creek, then he is probably headed to Tolstoi Mountain.

There is a William Kruhm in Juneau in 1925.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, January 2, 1925.

Estebeth Leaves for Sitka and Way Ports

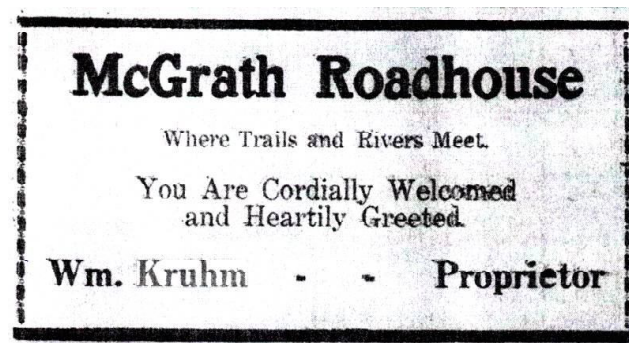
With seven passengers aboard... for Tenakee - William Kruhm.

A third William Kruhm??

But now we get to McGrath.

Seward Daily Gateway, March 19, 1929.

William Kruhm, a former partner of Bernard Friss in Fairbanks, is now running a roadhouse at McGrath.



Kusko Times, McGrath, January 19, 1929.

Kusko Times, McGrath, March 8, 1930.

At McGrath, on March 1, Mr. Wm. Kruhm gave a card party and social dance at the Roadhouse, an event that proved most enjoyable to those present.

WILLIAM KRUHM, CONT.

Kusko Times, McGrath, July 2, 1932.

After the sports, William Kruhm turned his roadhouse over to dancing, serving a delicious lunch around midnight. The dancing continued until early hours of morning.

Kusko Times, May 20, 1933.

Flood at McGrath Was Worst in Many Years.

The mighty waters of the Kuskokwim and Takotna rivers went on a rampage during the spring breakup and scrubbed down the decks of McGrath for the first time since 1927...

William Kruhm lost considerable sugar and flour, which was thought to have been put in a safe dry place but which proved too weak on its hanger, letting the sugar and flour fall in to the water in the roadhouse.

An odd notice in the Kusko Times:

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| The following notice has been filed | |
| In the Commissioner's Court, Mt. McKinley Precinct, Territory of Alaska, Fourth Division. | |
| To whom this may concern: | |
| That I, Wm. Kruhm have taken a solemn oath, that I will not drink one drink of intoxicating liquor of any form for five years from this date. | |
| Signed, Wm. Kruhm. | |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me, Fred King, U.S.Com'r. for the Mt. McKinley Precinct, residing at McGrath, Alaska, on the 24th day of September 1934. This is a true copy of oath taken by William Kruhm, | |
| Witnesses: | U.S.Com'r. Fred King, |
| W.H.Alfred | |
| B. E. Berry | |
| W.J.Davidson | |
| Notice is hereby given that, if any person or persons shall sell, barter or give or who shall wrongfully and wilfully, solicit, incite or induce any person or persons to furnish, said Wm. Kruhm, with any spiritous malt or vinous liquor, intoxicating extract or alcoholic beverage, shall be prosecuted according to the law provided in such cases. | |
| Fred King | |
| United States Commissioner | |

Kusko Times, McGrath, October 6, 1934.

Kusko Times, McGrath, April 2, 1937.

Bill Kruhm was a business visitor in Takotna for several days, arriving on the P.A.A. plane last Friday and returning to McGrath by dogteam with A.H. Twitchel Monday.

Kusko Times, McGrath, May 7, 1937.

Bill Kruhm, who is cooking at Candle this season, came to McGrath Tuesday, enroute to Fairbanks on a business trip.

Kusko Times, McGrath, June 4, 1937.

McGrath Residents Move From Homes When Flood Comes.

Bill Kruhm and Al Nordstrom have been living in the floating warehouse, belonging to Mrs. McLean.

Kusko times, McGrath, June 4, 1937.

Bill Kruhm left for Yankee Creek the first of the week, where he will be engaged in cooking for the Felder & Gale dredge crew this summer.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, January 6, 1938.

Estebeth Back In Port Today.

The motorship Estebeth arrived in Juneau this morning after a bad weather trip to Sitka and Island points. Two passengers arriving were Lee Dolan from Chichagof and William Kruhm, from Baranof.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, January 15, 1943.

Nick Starke and William Kruhm of Fairbanks, have arrived in town and are stopping at the Baranof Hotel.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, April 6, 1944.

William Kruhm, a guest at the Baranof Hotel, is here from Fairbanks.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, December 17, 1946.
Dies from Flu

William Kruhm, age 70, passed away in Tenakee on December 6th from the effects of influenza. The body was brought here by his partner, Thomas Merichle. The remains are at the Charles Carter Mortuary.

So there you have it! It is likely that the William Kruhm token was used at his roadhouse in McGrath. But is there only one William Kruhm, or two, or three?

MORE ON DAN KARRY



Oddly, when I found this article, I realized that I had seen it before, but it did not trigger a memory of what was previously run in the January 2020 issue.

Alaska Citizen, January 1, 1917.

WHEN SEATTLE PAPERS REPORTED THAT DAN KARRY WAS WEALTHY ALASKAN, MANY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE RELATIVES CALLED.

The report of the particulars of the death of Dan Karry, recently received here in a letter, gives many insights into human nature. It shows while when he is penniless he is friendless and nobody wishes to claim him as a blood relation, particularly when he has been away from them for a long time, as was so in the instance of Karry.

Karry was the Hot Springs man who left for the Outside early in November to go to a hospital for an operation, in hope that his life might be preserved. When on the steamer a short distance out of Seattle, however, he was taken seriously ill, and from that moment his life was despaired of, although he showed some signs of improvement when taken to the Seattle general hospital from the boat, a request for an ambulance having been sent to the hospital in advance by wireless.

Karry's story was published in the Seattle newspapers. The story said that the man was penniless and that he was in need, calling on his relatives, if he had any, to put in an appearance. None of them showed up, however, until the story of his death was published, the last article making reference to the property he owned in Kings County, Washington, and several thousand dollars in drafts and money which he had on his person, and which nobody knew anything about until he had passed away.

Then it was the relatives began to show up. There

were more than a dozen of them, according to the letter received here, each anxious to receive a slice of the estate of the dead man. Karry had only one or two friends who stayed with him to the last, and those being Alaskans and not used to the ways of the Outside, did not know what to do.

It was finally decided, however, that the matter should be left in the hands of an attorney. Judge Murane, formerly of Nome and once on the bench here, was selected. He was called in and the last the writer of the letter knew in regard to the matter, had arranged for the appointment of an administrator of Karry's estate in King county, including property there and the money and drafts which were on his person at the time of his death.

CARL I. CARLSEN - AKIAK

Akiak is a village on the Kuskokwim.



Seward Daily Gateway, April 9, 1928.

MERRILL AND PLANE ARRIVE FROM AKIAK

Pilot Russell Merrill of Anchorage Air Transport, arrived in Seward with his plane Saturday afternoon coming direct from Akiak. Carl Carlsen, trader and trapper of that district was the only passenger, for furs belonging to Mr. Carlsen occupied every available space. Mr. Carlsen left for Seattle yesterday with his furs and Merrill hopped off on the return flight to the Anchorage hangar. Eight hours, with one stop, was the remarkably fast time made by Merrill. No stop was made at Anchorage the plane crossing Cook Inlet to the Forelands.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, June 22, 1950.

Former Trapper of Alaska Leaves Estate to Niece

Seattle, June 22 - The estate of Carl I Carlsen, of Vashon Island, former Alaska trapper, miner and trader, was valued at \$125,000 to \$150,000. The bulk will go to a niece, Gyda Frederickson, Vashon Island, Wash.

Mr. Carlsen, 69 year old, died June 14.

FOR THE RECORD



(KETCHIKAN): Alaska Fish House, Rain Check. Gold on black poker chip, 39mm.



KETCHIKAN: Nugget Lounge, one drink. Gold on black plastic, 37mm.



KETCHIKAN: First City Saloon, Rain Check. Black on yellow plastic, 43mm.



KETCHIKAN: Potlatch Bar, Good for One. Gold on yellow plastic poker chip, 39mm



KETCHIKAN: F.O.E. (Eagles) Aerie #162, one drink, brown (?) on white plastic, 39mm.



(PETERSBURG): Harbor Bar, good for one free drink, gold on yellow poker chip, 39mm.



KETCHIKAN: Mellanie's Alaska Bar, We owe you a drink. Black on yellow plastic with rim, 42mm.



(NORWAY): Neat hanging medal honoring Amundsen and Lief Ericson Obverse has a map showing the routes traveled by Amundsen (northwest passage and to the Antarctic) and Ericson's travels to North America. Size not given, metal presumed by the seller to be pewter. More likely silver or silver plated brass.

TOKENS FOR SALE FROM THE ARTICLES



GOODNEWS BAY, Joe Jean, \$5 in trade, B-1d 100.00



QUINHAGAK, Pauline Jean, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, B-1 a-c 250.00



BETHEL, Oscar Samuelsen, \$1, B-4c 25.00

TATALINA, N.C.O. Open Mess, Support your club, B-1a, see page 38 30.00



EEK, Gil McIntyre, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1 B-1 a-c. All with damage as shown. 200.00



FLAT(McGRATH), William Kruhm, 25¢, B-2a 100.00



FLAT, Joe Parker, 25, B-3a 25.00



CAPE NEWENHAM, NCO Open Mess, 25¢, B-1f 30.00

TOKENS FOR SALE FROM THE ARTICLES



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damaged and/or worn, \$ and \$10 XF.
See photo. **125.00**
As above, \$5 only, B-1d **25.00**
As above, \$5 only, light damage, B-1d **20.00**
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